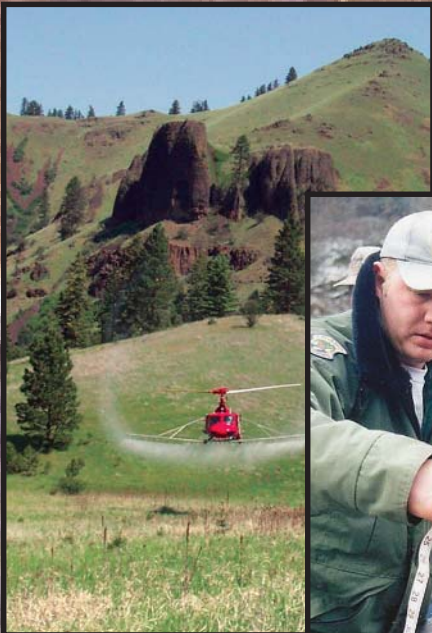
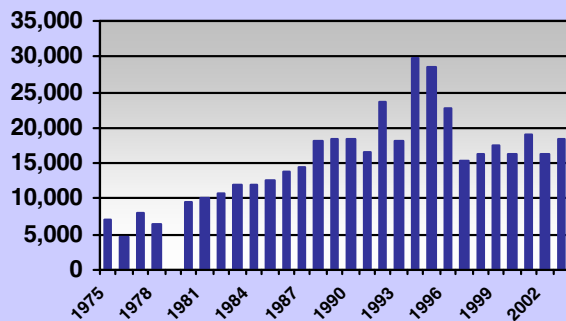


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# How To Use This Document

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- The 2005-2014 White-tailed Deer Plan is divided into an executive summary, 4 chapters, a literature cited section, and three appendices:
- The EXECUTIVE SUMMARY is a concise summary of the plan: why and how it was developed, management direction, major issues identified, and strategies to address those issues.
- Chapter 1, INTRODUCTION, identifies the Department mission, authority and direction to write a White-tailed Deer Management Plan, the process under which the plan is developed, and how the plan will be used.
- Chapter 2, BACKGROUND, summarizes previous planning efforts, reviews the natural history of white-tailed deer in Idaho, and identifies the current status of white-tailed deer management in the state.
- Chapter 3, STATUS AND MANAGEMENT, summarizes the status and management objectives for white-tailed deer populations in Idaho and discusses management direction and area-specific issues and strategies for each Data Analysis Unit (DAU) - groups of existing game management units with similar management or ecological characteristics.
- Chapter 4, ISSUES AND STRATEGIES, outlines the challenges facing white-tailed deer management in Idaho, identifies strategies to be taken to address the issues, and provides management objectives to help guide management towards achieving management goals.
- The LITERATURE CITED section is the list of papers, articles, and other references made in the plan.
- Appendix I, PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY, contains the questions and responses for the survey conducted prior to this planning effort used to help formulate this plan.
- Appendix II, QUESTIONNAIRES, contains the questions and responses for public input on the draft plan.
- Appendix III, HABITAT MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES, is a list of guidelines to provide land-use managers with an easy reference for understanding and considering the needs of white-tailed deer in project development.